

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

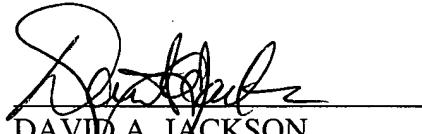
- Group I. Claims 1-7 and 36-38, drawn to receptor recognition factor (rrf)/ISGF3, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- Group II. Claims 8-13 and 39-42, drawn to antibodies to rrf and cell lines producing the antibodies, classified in class 435, subclass 240.26.
- Group III. Claims 14-20, 43, 44 and 55, drawn to nucleic acids and transformants, classified in class 435, subclass 325.
- Group IV. Claims 21-24 and 27, drawn to an assay for rrf using an rrf binding partner, classified in class 436, subclass 518.
- Group V. Claim 25, drawn to an assay for rrf binding sites, classified in class 436, subclass 501.
- Group VI. Claim 26, drawn to an assay for drugs that modify rrf activity, classified in class 436, subclass 63.
- Group VII. Claims 28-30, drawn to a test kit, classified in class 436, subclass 808.
- Group VIII. Claims 31-35, drawn to methods of treatment via administration of rrf, inducer, mimetic or inhibitor, classification dependent upon species.
- Group IX. Claims 45-54, drawn to a method of enhancing interferon activity by either enhancing phosphorylation of ISGF-3 proteins or inhibiting the activity of a phosphatase enzyme, classified in class 514, subclass 12.
- Group X. Claims 56-62, drawn to antisense nucleic acids, DNA encoding them and method of creating a cell line, classified in class 435, subclass 325.
- Group XI. Claims 63-68, drawn to ribozymes, nucleic acids encoding them, a cell line and a method of making same, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Responsive to the Requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse, Claims 1-7 and 36-38, which are drawn to receptor recognition factor (rrf)/ISGF3, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the Requirement for the Restriction is requested, and an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


DAVID A. JACKSON
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Registration No. 26,742

KLAUBER & JACKSON
411 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
(201) 487-5800

Date: February 28, 2005

Enclosure: Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time